

Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

Serving the Communities of:

Auburn City
North Auburn
Newcastle
Penryn
Ophir
Bowman



Minutes

Date: April 19, 2019

Time: Called to order at 9:00 am

Location: City of Auburn, City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, Room #10
Auburn CA. 95603

1. Call to Order:

Attendance: Kevin Hanley, Kathy Baxter, Jeff Milkes. Daniel Berlant, Bob Snyder. Absent: Danielle Hardesty, Frank Udvarhelyi, Keri Askew Bailey. Guests: Luana Dowling, Heidi Rietjens, Jane Wurst, Rob Zaucha, Kris Paolini, Pat Dusterhof, Diane Peters, Joyce Prunty, Jim Holmes, Holly Powers, Bekki Riggan, Beverly Roberts, Elisa Noble, Rod Rodriguez, Shawna Pratt, Sarah Poindexter, Jon Anacker, Jeanne Endeman, Jim Goddard, Ron Richards.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The 3/15/19 minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment:

Kevin announced that GAAFSC member Jeff Milkes is retired from the GAAFSC and was thanked for his good work in assisting the GAAFSC. Several residents spoke against the proposed Hidden Falls Park expansion citing the fire danger and potential problems with ingress/egress for fire trucks.

5. Strategic Plan Implementation:

Proposed North Auburn/Ophir Fire Safe Council. Supervisor Jim Holmes and Holly Powers with Placer Office of Emergency Services proposed why GAAFSC should be divided and a new fire safe council, called the North Auburn/Ophir Fire Safe Council should be created. Potential members of the new fire safe council were mentioned. Discussion followed. The motion to Support the creation of the new fire safe council with the proviso that Placer County update the GAAFSC chapter in the County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) passed 4 to 1 with Bob Snyder voting no.

North Fork Shaded Fuel Break. Discussion of this project plus the plan to spend the grant money for the American River Shaded Fuel Break.

Newcastle Firewise Public Forum. Kevin, Luana, Frank discussed the plan for the May 1 event.

Auburn Community Service Day (May 11; 730AM to Noon). Daniel discussed the upcoming service day.

6. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- CAL FIRE.
- Auburn Fire. Rob discussed the department's plan to expand their defensible space inspections and that 5 firefighters have taken a home ignition class.
- Placer County Fire Alliance. Luana discussed firewise communities that received wildfire preparedness day grants for projects.

7. Roundtable – None.

8. Adjourn: 1030 AM.